

Table 1: Timelines of acceptable progress to degree for students with different career objectives and educational backgrounds. Column 1 is for students planning to achieve an M.S. only or the M.S. and Ph.D. in succession. Columns 2 and 3 apply, respectively, to students who pursue the Ph.D. directly after entering the program without or with a previous M.S. degree in Oceanography. Students who fail to make satisfactory progress -- hereby defined as falling more than 6 months behind any of the timelines (except under extenuating circumstances) -- risk loss of graduate assistant support and tuition waiver.

PROGRESS TO DEGREE			
TIME (month)	M.S. and Ph.D.	Ph.D. without M.S.	Previous Ocean M.S. to Ph.D
0	Admission to Degree Program	Admission to Degree Program	Admission to Degree Program
9	Advancement to Candidacy (Form I) Select Thesis Committee (Form II)	-----	Appoint PQC
12	Oral Presentation* Approval of Research Prospectus (Form II)	Oral Presentation* Research Prospectus/Draft Proposal Advisory Approval for PQE	Oral Presentation* Prospectus/Draft Proposal
15	-----	-----	Pass PQE (Form I)
18	-----	Pass PQE (Form I)	Select Ph.D. Committee (Form II)
21	-----	Select Ph.D. Committee (Form II)	Approval of Ph.D. Proposal (Form II)
24	Complete Field, Seminar & Computer Requirements	Complete Seminar & Computer Requirements Approval of Ph.D. Proposal (Form II)	Complete Seminar & Computer Requirements
30	Final Examination and Approval of Thesis (Form III)	-----	
33	Ph.D. Prospectus Pass PQE (Form I)		Pass Comprehensive Exam (Form II)
36	Select Ph.D. Committee (Form II)	Pass Comprehensive Exam (Form II)	-----
39	Approval of Ph.D. Proposal (Form II)	-----	-----
51	Pass Comprehensive Exam (Form II)	-----	-----
54	-----	-----	Complete Field Requirement Submit First Dissertation Draft
57	-----	-----	Dissertation Defense (Form III)
60	-----	-----	Complete Dissertation
66	Submit First Dissertation Draft	Complete Field Requirement Submit First Dissertation Draft	
69	Dissertation Defense (Form III)	Dissertation Defense (Form III)	
72	Complete Dissertation	Complete Dissertation	

*All beginning second-year students will present their research plans and progress to the Department in a symposium-style public lecture (approximately 10 minutes, followed by a 5-minute question and answer session). The exact date and time of this symposium will be determined each year by the Department Chair, but it will generally be scheduled for early October.